

# Independence

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## New Screening Procedures to visit Independence Square and the Liberty Bell

### Pilot Procedures to begin March 29, 2004

In response to visitor requests and suggestions, beginning Monday, March 29, 2004 Independence National Historical Park will adjust our operation to screen our visitors only once during their visit to Independence National Historical Park. Visitors will enter the screening facility on Market Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets and be directed through the Liberty Bell Center. Once finished in the Liberty Bell Center, groups will be crossed at Sixth and Chestnut Streets by security personnel onto Independence Square. On the Square, visitors will be able to visit the buildings at their own pace.

This process will be done on a *pilot* basis through the next several months, and will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness. Everyone can help make this procedure a success by noting the following guidelines and suggestions.

- Visitors will not be able to return to the Liberty Bell Center once they cross Chestnut Street.

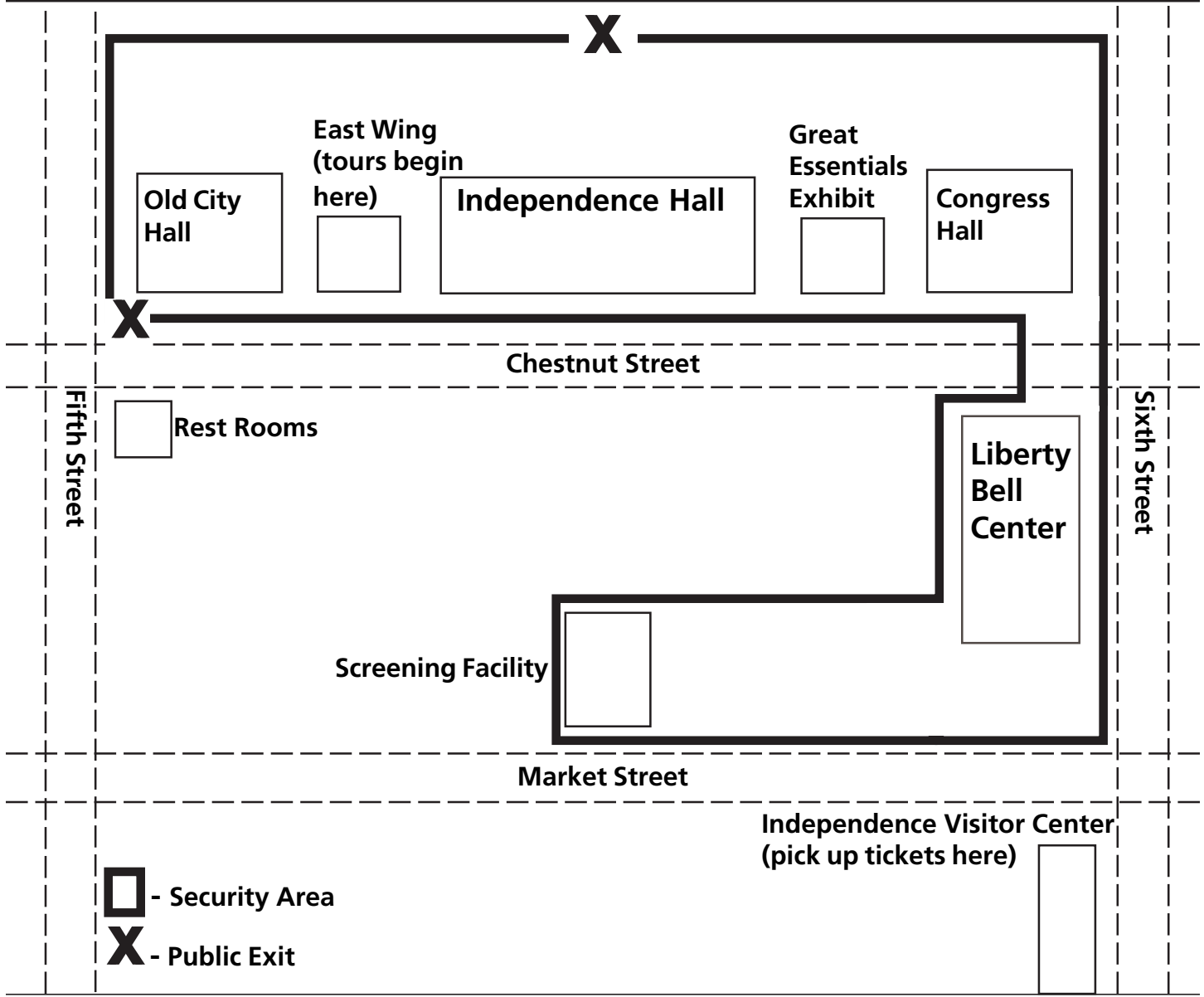


- Independence Hall tours will continue by timed tickets only. Visitors must pick up tickets at the Independence Visitor Center prior to going through the screening process.
- It is important that visitors allow enough time to get through screening before their scheduled tour of Independence Hall. We suggest arriving at the screening facility 45 minutes to one hour before your tour.



- The fewer personal items you bring, such as tote bags, backpacks and camera bags, the faster you will move through security screening.

# Visiting Independence Square and the Liberty Bell Center



## Frequently asked Questions

**If my group only wants to see the Liberty Bell, how do we leave the Center when we are finished?**

Once visitors exit the Liberty Bell Center, they have the option to leave the secure area at Sixth and Chestnut Streets.

**What if I am running late? How do I get through screening and the Liberty Bell Center to make my tour time?**

Park staff will make every effort to assist visitors getting to their Independence Hall tours on time. However, part of the visitor's responsibility is to join the screening line in a timely manner. We suggest 45 minutes to one hour before your scheduled tour time.

**Where are the rest rooms?**

Rest rooms are located in the Independence Visitor Center and at the NW corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets. There are no rest rooms in the secured area.

**Will I be able to "backtrack" across Chestnut Street to see the Liberty Bell?**

No. If a visitor skips the Liberty Bell, they will need to get back in line and be rescreened in order to view the exhibits in the building.

**Is the area wheelchair accessible?**

Yes, There are curb cuts at all the corners, and all the buildings on Independence Square and the Liberty Bell Center are wheelchair accessible.

*Please visit our website, [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde) for more Frequently Asked Questions.*